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Project Overview

AGRED PURPOSE

In partnership with Afghan farmers, the USAID/AGRED Program supports the Afghan government to build enduring, effective research and extension systems. The result will include increased agricultural jobs and incomes.

AGRED PROGRAM COMPONENTS

1. **Research and Extension** - Applied research and provision of extension and advisory services.
2. **Training** - Training and capacity building of research and extension staff to deliver services to Afghan communities.
3. **Communication** - More effective communication with and increased access to improved technologies, knowledge and education with emphasis on agriculture best practices by Afghan farmers.
4. **Infrastructure** - Improved applied research and extension infrastructure in 7 target sub-national Research Centers and fifty target districts.

AGRED PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this program is to increase agricultural productivity and income through the application of science and technology. The Afghan Agricultural Research and Extension Development (AGRED) program will build the capacity of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan's (GIROA) Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) and Directorates of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (DAIL) to sustainably procure, develop and deploy productivity-enhancing technologies and good farming practices. The program will strengthen the technical skills of research and extension professionals in state-of-the-art extension and advisory service delivery approaches and methods through on-the-job and formal trainings. AGRED will facilitate farmers' access to improved technologies and practices, integrate research and extension systems, and rebuild critical assets of selected Research Centers.

The capacity development work will focus on MAIL and DAILs in seven provinces - Balkh, Herat, Kabul, Kandahar, Kunduz, Nangarhar and Paktya, and on 50 MAIL priority districts in these and 19 other provinces: Kapisa, Parwan, Wardak, Ghazni, Helmand, Zabul, Uruzghan, Laghman, Kunar, Takhar, Baghlan, Bamyán, Badakhshan, Jawzjan, Samangan, Sar-i-Pul, Logar, Faryab and Badghis.

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

RESEARCH AND EXTENSION - Two consultants from ROP's extension capacity development program in Vietnam trained AGRED field staff on the successful methods used in Vietnam. AGRED adapted these methods to Afghan conditions. The consultants also assisted AGRED Research and Extension Coordinators in developing their work plans.

TRAINING - AGRED conducted a workshop for MAIL and AGRED on how to facilitate the seven Regional Stakeholder Workshops to be conducted in November. The facilitators include both AGRED and MAIL employees. The workshops will use a value chain approach to identify weaknesses that can be addressed by DAIL research and extension beginning in 2013. The activities will be included in a proposal to USAID for funding under Implementation Letters.



MAIL workshop facilitators discuss the methodology of the regional trainings.

AGRED conducted training for DAIL Extension Officers in post-harvest management of fruit crops. The following week, AGRED trained DAIL Extension Officers in Kabul about post-harvest management of apricots, apples and grapes.

PERFORMANCE MONITORING PLAN - AGRED submitted its initial Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP). USAID concluded that two lists of performance targets will be required: one for AGRED's activities and another for MAIL's. AGRED will identify an M&E Specialist to work with USAID to develop a PMP that will be a model for other USAID direct funding to government ministries.

RECRUITMENT - Ms. Mona Kamel, AGRED's Compliance and Procurement Manager, began work in Kabul, reviewing procurement activities and revising procedures. AGRED hired another 16 Kabul staff members and 27 regional extension Coordinators.

TEMPORARY OFFICE AT MAIL - AGRED established a temporary office in the MAIL's Extension Building.

HOME OFFICE SUPPORT - Roots of Peace (ROP) Executive Director Gary Kuhn traveled to Kabul to work with AGRED's recruitment, finance, and procurement departments. Initial meetings were also held with USAID and MAIL.

ACHEIVEMENTS IN OCTOBER

RESEARCH AND EXTENSION

PRIORITIES

- Meetings with MAIL Technical Working Group to organize for Implementation Letters
- Recruit and train AGRED field staff
- Recruitment, work plans and institutional linkages for Women Farmers Program
- Establish AGRED Office in MAIL

ACTIVITIES

- **Meetings with MAIL Technical Working Group to organize for Implementation Letters** - AGRED is designed to assist MAIL in identifying research and extension priorities to address using on-budget funding. Unlike most USAID agricultural projects, AGRED does not directly implement agricultural research and extension activities. Instead, it works through the MAIL and DAILs to build capacity and improve procedures. AGRED works with DAILs, farmers and agribusinesses to develop consensus on research and extension priorities that respond to farmers' needs.

AGRED's success depends upon MAIL accessing on-budget funding from USAID, but MAIL must apply for the funding and use it according to the "conditions precedent" specified in USAID Implementation Letters (ILs). On October 11, AGRED met with USAID's Cynthia Huger to discuss alternative approaches to developing Implementation Letters.

Throughout October, AGRED continued to meet with the MAIL TWG that is responsible for developing a proposal to USAID for on-budget funding under Implementation Letters. The TWG scheduled and identified MAIL facilitators for the Stakeholder Workshops that will provide the basis for its proposal to USAID.

- **Recruitment, work plans and institutional linkages for Women Farmers Program** – AGRED's Director of Women Farmers Program met with MAIL to discuss the role and vision of MAIL Home Economics activities targeting women farmers.
- **Recruitment and training** - AGRED hired another 16 Kabul staff members and 27 Regional Extension Coordinators. AGRED's Research and Extension component trained the new field staff on how to conduct the Regional Stakeholder Workshops that will begin in November.

USAID approved AGRED's DCOP-Operations on October 24.

- **AGRED Offices in DAILs** – 11 AGRED offices were established in the DAIL offices in Samangan, Sar-i-Pul, Baghlan, Kunduz, Takhar, Badakhshan, Herat, Kandahar, Ghazni, Laghman and Jawzjan provinces.
- **AGRED Office in MAIL** - AGRED established a temporary office in the Technical Building in the MAIL.

- **Women Farmers Program accomplishments-** Recruitment of Women's program coordinators.

Introductory meetings were held with the Department of Home Economics of MAIL. The MAIL Gender team and MAIL to establish and improve stronger relations with provincial directorates of MAIL.

Coordination meeting was held with MAIL Women's extension, Home Economic and MAIL Gender team and seven regional Directorates of MAIL to collaborate on targeted 30% participation women in stakeholder workshops from all provinces.

Exchange was held on adapting ROP Vietnamese women's extension system to local conditions

Drafted a Gender Action Plan that outlined a framework to integrate gender issues across all AGRED.

CHALLENGES

- **Meetings with MAIL Technical Working Group (TWG)** - Some MAIL technical experts are accustomed to passively observing as donor projects implement programs that should be delivered by the MAIL. The members of the TWG are observing progress, but not actively participating in the work required of the TWG. AGRED began training and integrating TWG members into AGRED's activities. As the target date approaches for submitting a proposal for funding under ILs, TWG members will be under pressure from MAIL to analyze workshop results and integrate them into a proposal for USAID funding under ILs.
- **Small Size of Home Economics field staff** - Small number of Home Economics field staff in Kabul (6) and one person in each seven target provinces.
- **Participation of women in Stakeholder Workshops** - AGRED anticipates resistance to including women in Stakeholder Workshops to be conducted in Paktya and Kandahar.
- **Bottom-up approach to planning** - Future challenges will include making the TWG and MAIL managers understand that proposals for funding under ILs must be based on the expressed needs of farmers and agribusinesses that supply farm inputs and add value to farm production.
- **AGRED Office in MAIL** - AGRED shares one of the CBCMP offices in the MAIL. While AGRED highly appreciates this assistance from CBCMP, it looks forward to MAIL assigning an office, however, small, in the MAIL.

TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

PRIORITIES

- Training in extension capacity development
- Training in Post-Harvest Management of Fruit Crops
- Training for Facilitators of Regional Stakeholder Workshops

ACTIVITIES

- **Training in extension capacity development** - Roots of Peace is implementing an extension capacity development program in Vietnam. October 11-24, Nguyen Quang Ngan and Tucker Kuhn consulted with AGRED field staff on the methods that are successful in Vietnam. AGRED adapted these methods to its research and extension development program in Afghanistan.
The consultants also assisted AGRED Research and Extension Coordinators to develop their work plans and a concept paper on the introduction of Red Globe, a high value grape variety. They also linked the managers of AGRED's Women Farmers Program with Vietnamese extension agents to share their strategies and experiences in training women farmers.
- **Training in Post-Harvest Management of Fruit Crops** – AGRED, assisted by ROP's CHAMP Program, conducted post-harvest management training for DAIL Extension Officers on October 8 – 9 in Kandahar. This workshop provided training in post-harvest grape and pomegranate management. The 15 participants were DAIL researchers and Extension Officers from Kandahar, Helmand and Zabul.

A similar training on post-harvest management of grapes, apples and apricots was conducted in Kabul during October 15-16. The training took place at MAIL. Twenty-five DAIL representatives from Kabul, Logar, Wardak, Ghazni, Paktya and Parwan participated. Director General Habibi from MAIL participated in the opening and closing ceremonies of this event.

- **Training for Facilitators of Regional Stakeholder Workshops** - AGRED conducted a workshop to teach MAIL and AGRED workshop facilitators the methodology on how to manage the seven Regional Stakeholder Workshops that AGRED will hold in November. Workshop participants will include MAIL and DAIL officials responsible for agricultural development, as well as farmers and agribusinesses. The workshops will identify weaknesses in agricultural value chain that can be addressed by MAIL and DAILs research and extension programs, and will provide the basis for the MAIL's proposal to USAID for on-budget funding.



MAIL and AGRED stakeholder workshop facilitators receive training.

CHALLENGES

- AGRED's bottom-up approach is not familiar to all MAIL facilitators. AGRED practiced with MAIL facilitators how to carefully explain to workshop participants the reasons for using a value chain analytical approach to research and extension activity prioritization, and for using a bottom-up approach to research and extension planning.
- As mentioned above, AGRED anticipates resistance to including women in Stakeholder Workshops to be conducted in Paktya and Kandahar. AGRED's Women Farmer

Program will be responsible for ensuring that women are satisfactorily represented in the workshops.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

PRIORITIES

- Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP)

ACTIVITIES

- AGRED submitted a draft PMP. Initially, USAID accepted the plan, but subsequently decided to design a PMP that will provide a model for future projects involving on-budget funding to ministries in Afghanistan and other countries.

ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER

RESEARCH AND EXTENSION

PRIORITIES

- Regional Stake holder Workshops
- Women Farmer Program meetings with MAIL and USAID
- Continued meetings with Technical Working Group
- Coordination with CBCMP

PLANS

- One of AGRED's major objectives is to help MAIL access and manage on-budget funding from USAID. AGRED will assist MAIL in identifying research and extension priorities and to meet USAID requirements for the use of on-budget funding, i.e. direct funding from USAID to MAIL's budget.

In November, AGRED will assist the MAIL TWG in identifying research and extension priorities and including them in a proposal for USAID on-budget funding under ILs. AGRED will also assist USAID in scheduling appropriate Conditions Precedent for ILs.

MAIL will apply for USAID funding and use it according to "conditions precedent" of USAID Implementation Letters (ILs).

- **Recruitment** - Recruiting and training Regional Coordinators for the seven regional offices.
- **Women in Stakeholder Workshops** - Women representatives from MAIL/DAIL, MoWA, NGOs, Agriculture Faculty, Agricultural Institute Traders and Farmers Cooperatives will participate in AGRED' Regional Stakeholder Workshop. These



Women participate in stakeholder workshop along with their male colleagues.

workshops will be held in Nangarhar, Balkh, Kunduz, Paktya, Herat and Kandahar provinces. In order to identify and analyze the needs of women farmers at provincial, district and village level.

- **Draft strategy for women in research and extension** - Recruiting women to participate in a National Workshop in Kabul to discuss and assess the research and extension priorities identified in the seven regional workshops and draft an initial national strategy for mainstreaming women in research and extension. Participants would include representatives from MAIL, DAILs, MoWA, NGOS, Agriculture Faculties, Ag Institute, traders and farmer cooperatives.
- **Women Farmers Program fact sheet** - Draft a fact sheet on AGRED's Women Farmers Program for potential collaborators and beneficiaries in the field.
- **Strategy for Women Farmer Program** - AGRED's Director of Women's Programs will meet with MAIL to discuss the roles of the Home Economics Department. It will meet with the Director of Extension and with USAID's Gender Unit to discuss their visions of women Extension Officers and coordination between the Home Economics Department, Extension Directorate and the Ministry of Women Affairs.
- **Coordination with CBCMP** - AGRED COP will participate in the Capacity Building and Change Management Program (CBCMP) Conference on November 3-4 to learn about CBCMP's activities in the seven target provinces.

CHALLENGES

- **Home Economics and MAIL Extension locations and staffing** - The Home Economics Department has relatively few field staff in Kabul (6) and provinces (one person in each seven target provinces) AGRED will offer to help MAIL revise the job descriptions and recruit candidates for women field positions.
- **Mainstreaming research and extension programs for women farmers** - Working with MAIL and DAIL researchers and Extension Officers to consider the potential productivity of women farmers and to mainstream women in agricultural research and extension.
- **Recruiting qualified women** – Finding qualified women to serve as Women Farmer Program Coordinators.

TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

PRIORITIES

Introduction of AGRED Program to the DAILs and identification of stakeholder's research and extension needs.

PLANS

Seven Regional Stakeholder Workshops - A stakeholder workshop will be held in each of the seven target provinces to introduce AGRED and identify DAIL research and

extension priorities in 2012. These workshops are designed to set a precedent for “bottom-up” planning that will increase farmers’ access to improved farming technologies and practices. DAIL research and extension staffs will also participate in these workshops to be held in Jalalabad, Mazar-e-Sharif, Kunduz, Paktya, Herat, Kandahar and Kabul provinces. (See appendix 2 for the calendar events)

CHALLENGES

- **MAIL leading Stakeholder Workshops** - AGRED prefers to have MAIL lead the Regional Stakeholder Workshops. First, however, they need to understand why AGRED is using a value-chain analysis approach, and why it is including farmers and agribusinesses in the Regional Workshops.

COMMUNICATIONS

PRIORITIES

- Participation in Kabul AgFair

PLANS

- **Participation in Kabul AgFair** - The AGRED will participate in the AgFair event in Kabul to introduce its programs to agribusinesses, public sector organizations, and NGOs involved in agricultural development. AGRED will develop a banner and standees for the AgFair event.

CHALLENGES

- **Positioning as MAIL support** - AGRED strategically positions its activities in support of MAIL and DAIL activities, rather than in front of MAIL and DAIL. AGRED de-emphasizes its relationship with ROP in order to emphasize its relationship with MAIL. Consistent with its positioning, AGRED will participate in the AgFair, an event sponsored by MAIL. It will share a booth with ROP’s other agricultural programs. It will not, however, attempt to attract a lot of attention. Instead, it will provide an AGRED manager who can explain to AgFair participants AGRED’s unusual supporting relationship with MAIL.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

PRIORITIES

- Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP)
- Recruiting a M&E manager
- USAID approval for short-term M&E Specialist Maheed Ullah
- Recruiting a manager for AGRED’s M&E program

PLANS

- **PMP** - AGRED will monitor progress toward its own indicator targets. It will also monitor progress toward the MAIL’s targets, as defined in ILs. AGRED’s Performance Monitoring

Plan (PMP) will include two lists of targets for AGRED and MAIL. AGRED will monitor progress toward the indicator targets for which it is responsible, and toward the targets for which MAIL is responsible. USAID proposed to extend the submission deadline for AGRED's PMP and commit additional M&E resources to design a PMP that provides useful guidelines for future projects involving on-budget funding to ministries in Afghanistan and other countries.

AGRED will identify an experienced M&E Specialist in November who will work closely with USAID to develop a PMP that can serve as a model for other "on-budget," USAID funded programs providing direct funding to government ministries in Afghanistan and other countries.

- **Recruiting a STTA M&E Specialist and a long-term M&E Manager** - AGRED identified short-term M&E Specialist Maheed Ullah to develop design an M&E Tracking system for AGRED and for MAIL's activities financed under ILs. He will also assist in identifying AGRED's long-term M&E Manager.

CHALLENGES

- **Short recruitment timeframe for M&E Specialist** - On short notice, it may be difficult to identify M&E Specialists who have sufficient qualifications to work with USAID and develop an innovative PMP that can serve as example for other programs.

Table I: AGRED Year-I Target Provinces and Districts

#	Province*	Priority Districts
1	Kabul	Shakar Dara, Char Asyab
2	Bamyan	Bamyan
3	Ghazni	Ghazni Center, Khoja Omari, Jaghori
4	Kapisa	Khohistan 2 nd
5	Parwan	Charikar, Sayed Khil
6	Wardak	Maidan Shar
7	Nangarhar	Mohmand Dara, Kama, Sorkhrood, Rodat
8	Kunar	Narang, Khas Kunar
9	Laghman	Qargae
10	Paktya	Gardiz, Ahmad Abad
11	Logar	Mohd Agha
12	Kandahar	Dand, Daman, Arghandab
13	Helmand	Nadali, Garmsir
14	Uruzghan	Trinkot
15	Zabul	Galat
16	Herat	Gozara, Pashton Zarghon
17	Badghis	Qadis
18	Balkh	Nahre Shahi, Dehdadi
19	Faryab	Khoja Sabzposh
20	Jawzjan	Aqcha
21	Samangan	Aybak
22	Sar-i-Pul	Sancharak
23	Kunduz	Kunduz Center, Khan Abad
24	Takhar	Talegan
25	Baghlan	Markazi Baghlan
26	Badakhshan	Kishim

*The seven initial target provinces are highlighted in bold

Table 2: AGREED Calendar of Events: October 2012

Proposed Date	PSSP Results Framework Activity	Events/ Activities	Purpose	Person Responsible	Venue	Partner/s and Expected Level of GOP Representation	Applicable for Branding & Marking
1-Oct	NA	PMP review meeting	Revised requirements for PMP for on-budget program	COR Kelly	MAIL	NA	NA
4-Oct	NA	Trip to Balkh province	Recruiting Provincial Extension Coordinators	National Extension Coordinator Nisar	Mazar	NA	NA
5-Oct	IR 1: Effective communications	Women's Programs mtg. w/ Dir. Habibi	Role and vision of MAIL Home Econ extension	Dir. Women Program	MAIL		
Oct 5	NA	Staff recruitment in Kunduz province	Recruiting Provincial Extension Coordinators	National Extension Coordinator Nisar	Kunduz	NA	NA
Oct 8-9	IR 3: Training and capacity building of research and extension staff to deliver services to Afghan communities	Post-harvest management training	AGRED Intro and training in post-harvest grape and pomegranate management	ROP Country Dir. Osmani, AGRED Training Dir. Anwari	DAIL/ Kandahar	Kandahar, Helmand, Zabul DAILS	USAID/CHAMP Banner
Oct 15-16		Post-harvest management training	AGRED Intro and training in post-harvest grape and apple management		MAIL/ Kabul	Kabul, Logar, Wardak, Ghazni, Paktya, Parwan DAILS	USAID/CHAMP Banner

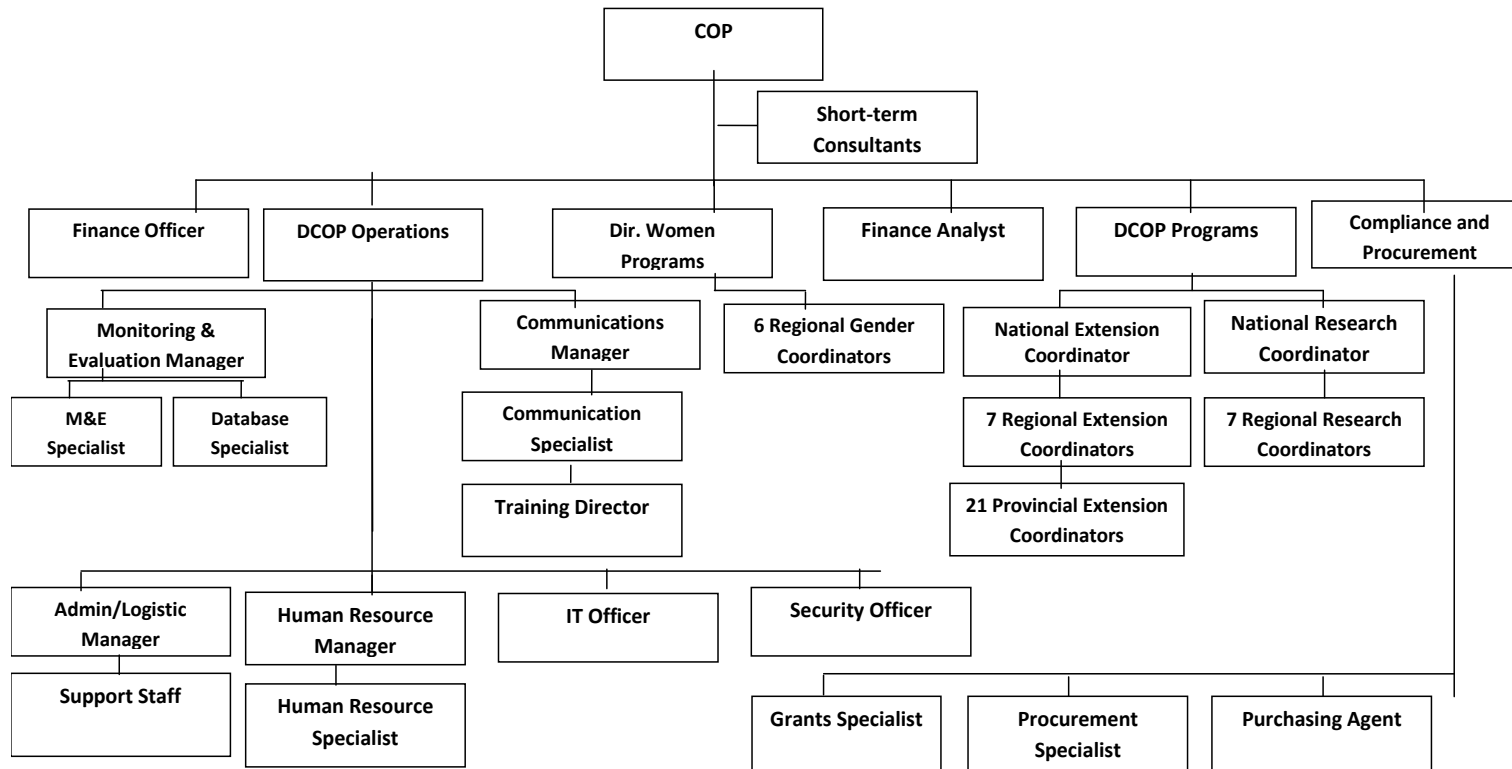
Oct 13-14	NA	Training in Extension Management	STTAs share lessons learned in AGRED-like project in Vietnam	AGRED National Extension Coordinator Nisar	AGRED	NA	NA
11-Oct	NA	Mtg. w/ C. Huger re: Implementation Letters (ILs)	Define IL process and responsibilities of USAID and AGRED	COR Kelly	USAID	NA	NA
Oct 22-23	IR 1: TOT for stake holder`s workshop	Training Workshop Facilitators	Train facilitators for regional stakeholder`s workshops	ROP Country Dir. Osmani	AGRED/ROP	AGRED, MAIL	NA

Table 3: AGRED Calendar of Future Events: November 201

Proposed Date	PSSP Results Framework Activity	Events/ Activities	Purpose	Person Responsible	Venue	Partner/s and Expected Level of GOP Representation	Applicable for Branding & Marking
Nov 4-6	IR 1: More effective communication with and increased access to improved technologies, knowledge and education with emphasis on agriculture best practices by Afghan farmers.	Stakeholder Workshops	AGRED Intro and Workshop to ID stakeholders’ research and extension needs	ROP Country Dir. Osmani, AGRED Training Dir. Anwari	Jalalabad	DAIL research and extension: Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman	USAID/AGRED Banners
Nov 4-6					Mazar-e-Sharif	DAIL research and extension: Balkh, Jawzjan, Samangan, Saripul	
Nov 11-13					Kunduz	DAIL research and extension: Kunduz, Takhar, Baghlan, Bamyán, Badakhshan	
					Paktya	DAIL research and extension: Paktya and Logar	
Nov 18-20 Nov 18-20					Herat	DAIL research and extension: Heart and Badghis	
					Kandahar	DAIL research and extension: Kandahar, Helmand, Zabul and Uruzghan	
Nov 25-27	Kabul	Kabul, Ghazni, Wardak, Bamyán, Parwan and Kapisa					
Nov 3-4	N/A	Meeting with CBCMP	Learn about CBCMP activities in target provinces	AGRED COP	MAIL	CBCMP	N/A
Nov 7-9	Introduction of AGRED	AgFair	Establish contacts with agribusinesses	Communication	Kabul	MAIL	USAID /AGRED Banner
Nov 13	Discussion about women program	USAID Gender Team Meeting					
Nov 18	AGRED representative in CBCMP study tour	Meeting with CBCMP	Identify holding study tours for women extension managers	AGRED COP and DCOP Operations	MAIL	CBCMP	N/A
Nov 20	Coordination with AAEP	Meeting with AAEP		AGRED COP	MAIL	AAEP	N/A

Appendix A: AGRED Organizational Chart

AGRED ORGANISATION CHART - November 2013



Appendix B: AGRED Calendar of Events in October and November 2012

Monday & Tuesday, 8-9 October 2012

Post Harvest Training Program

Location: Kandahar DAIL Office

Target provinces: Kandahar, Zabul and Helmand

Partner organizations: MAIL/DAIL and CHAMP

Approximately 15 participants

Agenda: Opening of the Program, Registration and Introduction, AGRED Presentation followed with Q&A.

Post Harvest Management Presentation on grapes followed with discussion and Q&A

Post Harvest Management Presentation on pomegranates followed with discussion and Q&A

Monday & Tuesday, 15-16 October 2012

Post Harvest Training Program

Location: Kabul DAIL Office

Target provinces: Kabul, Logar, Wardak, Ghazni, Paktya

Partner organizations: MAIL/DAIL and CHAMP

Approximately 25 participants

Agenda: Opening of the Program, Registration and Introduction, AGRED Presentation followed with Q&A

Post Harvest Management Presentation on apricots followed with discussion and Q&A

Post Harvest Management Presentation on apples followed with discussion and Q&A

Post Harvest Management Presentation on grapes followed with discussion and Q&A

Monday & Tuesday, 22 - 23 October 2012

TOT Workshop

Location: ROP office in Kabul

Target provinces: TBD

Partner organizations: MAIL, AGRED and CHAMP

Approximately 12 participants

Agenda: Presentations and discussions on methodology of conducting stakeholders' workshops on priorities

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, 4 – 6 November 2012

NANGARHAR Regional Workshop

Location: DAIL, Jalalabad

Target provinces: Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman

Partner organizations: MAIL/DAIL, MOCI, ACCI, AISA, NGOS, Traders and Farmers (Private Sector)

Approximately 40 participants

Agenda: Identify and analyze the priority problems to be dealt with in the region/province

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, 4 – 6 November 2012

BALKH Regional Workshop

Location: DAIL, Mazar-e-Sharif

Target provinces: Balkh, Jawzjan, Samangan, Sar-i-Pul

Partner organizations: MAIL/DAIL, MOCI, ACCI, AISA, NGOS, Traders and Farmers (Private Sector)

Approximately 40 participants

Agenda: Identify and analyze the priority problems to be dealt with in the region/province

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, 11 - 13 November 2012

PAKTYA Regional Workshop

Location: DAIL or Governor Office conference Hall, Gardiz (TBD)

Target provinces: Paktya

Partner organizations: MAIL/DAIL, MOCI, ACCI, AISA, NGOS, Traders and Farmers (Private Sector)

Approximately 30 participants

Agenda: Identify and analyze the priority problems to be dealt with in the region/province

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, 11 - 13 November 2012

KUNDUZ Regional Workshop

Location: DAIL or Governor Office conference Hall, Kunduz (TBD)

Target provinces: Kunduz, Takhar, Baghlan, and Badakhshan

Partner organizations: MAIL/DAIL, MOCI, ACCI, AISA, NGOS, Traders and Farmers (Private Sector)

Approximately 30 participants

Agenda: Identify and analyze the priority problems to be dealt with in the region/province

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, 18 - 20 November 2012

HERAT Regional Workshop

Location: DAIL Office conference Hall or a hotel, Herat (TBD)

Target provinces: Herat and Badghis

Partner organizations: MAIL/DAIL, MOCI, ACCI, AISA, NGOS, Traders and Farmers (Private Sector)

Approximately 20 participants

Agenda: Identify and analyze the priority problems to be dealt with in the region/province

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, 18 - 20 November 2012

KANDAHAR Regional Workshop

Location: DAIL Office conference Hall, Kandahar

Target provinces: Kandahar, Helmand, Uruzghan and Zabul

Partner organizations: MAIL/DAIL, MOCI, ACCI, AISA, NGOS, Traders and Farmers (Private Sector)

Approximately 20 participants

Agenda: Identify and analyze the priority problems to be dealt with in the region/province

Sunday & Monday 25-27 November, 2012

KABUL Regional Workshop

Location: MAIL or a hotel conference hall in Kabul (TBD)

Target provinces: Kabul, Ghazni, Wardak, Bamyan, Parwan and Kapisa

Partner organizations: MAIL/DAIL, MOCI, ACCI, AISA, NGOS, Traders and Farmers (Private Sector)

Approximately 60 participants

Agenda: Identify and analyze the priority problems to be dealt with in the region/province

Saturday TBD December, 2012

National Workshop - Kabul

Location: MAIL or a hotel conference hall in Kabul (TBD)

Target provinces: All of the above

Partner organizations: MAIL/DAIL, AGRED, USAID

Approximately 100 participants

Agenda: Discuss and analyze the identified priorities of all regions and prepare a national priority program for AGRED

Acronyms

AAEP	USDA Afghan Agricultural Extension Program
ACBAR	Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief
ADT	US Military Agriculture Development Team
AGRED	USAID Afghan Agriculture Research & Extension Development
CBCMP	USDA Capacity Building and Change Management Program
CHAMP Program	USAID Commercial Horticulture & Agricultural Marketing
COP	Chief of Party
CDC	Community Development Council
DAIL	Directorate of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock
EC	European Community
GIRoA	Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
IL	Implementation Letter
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
LOE	Level of Effort
MAIL	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRRD	Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development
PMP	Performance Management Plan
RADP	USAID Regional Agriculture Development Program
ROP	Roots of Peace
TAMU	Texas A&M University
UCD	University of California, Davis
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USG	United States Government
WSU	Washington State University